

## BC3 Calendar of Events

**Thursday, July 2**  
COAD — 12:00 noon

**Friday, July 3**  
**CLOSED**  
Independence Day Holiday

**Monday, July 6**  
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

**Tuesday, July 7**  
RIU/Elfun — 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 13**  
75th Anniversary Planning Committee — 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 14**  
RIU/Elfun — 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 20**  
Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

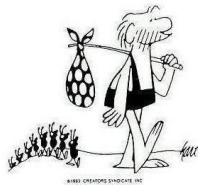
**Tuesday, July 21**  
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.  
RIU/Elfun — 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 28**  
RIU/Elfun — 10:00 a.m.  
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

**Council will be CLOSING 2:30 p.m.**  
**every Friday during the summer**

www.broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

## The Hunger Walk Challenge



A letter will be going out in support of the CHOW Hunger Walk Challenge. As the Challenge spreads out through the community you will be hearing about it. Keep an eye on this spot for updates on the Challenge rankings!

**See enclosed flyer for new Hunger Walk date!**

## Summer Bible Conference — 2015

### Three Sunday Nights — Three Great Speakers

**Sunday, June 28**  
6:00 p.m.  
West Windsor Baptist Church  
166 North Road  
Windsor, NY



GUEST SPEAKER  
Dr. Paul Blasko

**Sunday, July 26**  
6:00 p.m.  
Central Baptist Church  
1606 NY-12  
Binghamton, NY



GUEST SPEAKER  
Rev. David Seaver

**Sunday, Aug 23**  
6:00 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
466 Chenango Street  
Binghamton, NY



GUEST SPEAKER  
Rev. Terry Steenburg

## Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to honor two of our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteers this month,  
**Jim Dunn and Ilona Horvath**



Jim has been our main volunteer at the CHOW Farm for 3 years. He has done a great job creating partnerships that have allowed us to grow over 7,000 pounds of food each of the last two years. This food is then distributed free to our food pantries, meal sites and CHOWbus. Jim teaches and works so well with all the varied groups that come out to help on the Farm. We are truly blessed to have Jim as part of our team.

Ilona has been with us for over 3 years and volunteers in our front office in the vital role of receptionist three days a week. She is always pleasant and helpful. Not only does she bring an air of professionalism to the office, but she has a way of brightening up everyone's day. She is a blessing to us all.



You cannot help someone get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself.  
**General H. Norman Schwarzkopf**

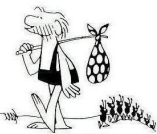
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### CHOW Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 20

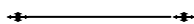
Binghamton University Campus



### Dining for Dollars

Thursday, October 22

St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church



### Global Poverty & Nonviolence

Saturday, November 7

One Day Retreat



## The Landmark Church

126 Court Street, Binghamton

### Singer-Songwriter-Recording Artist-Worship Leader

Chuck Girard

Saturday & Sunday, August 29 & 30

Chuck Girard is one of the pioneers of Contemporary Christian Music with songs like: "Sometimes Alleluia," "Lay Your Burden Down," "Little Pilgrim," "The Name Above All Names" and many others!

No tickets required — Free will offering welcomed

#### Concert Times

Saturday, August 29 — 7:00 p.m. — Concert

Sunday, August 30 — 11:00 a.m. — Morning Service

Sunday, August 30 — 6:30 p.m.

"A Night at the Throne" Worship & Prayer Service

For Information Call: Grant & Sherry Bell 607.748.3985 or Email [info-tlconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:info-tlconcerts@gmail.com)

## CHOW Needs

### CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Tuna Fish, Canned Meats, Soup, Canned Fruit

### HOPE

(Help Out People in Emergencies)

### DIAPERS ! ANY SIZE !

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Baby Formula

(anything that is used for personal hygiene)  
(Unopened items only, please.)

## Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church

6 Morris Street, Binghamton, NY — Southside — corner of Mitchell Ave & Morris St

### Rummage Sale

Friday, July 17

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



### Rummage Sale & Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 18

Rummage — 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chicken BBQ — 11:00 a.m. til Gone

\$9.00 includes meal, drink and dessert!



## Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

### Everest Vacation Bible School

July 13-17 — 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Kids will be going on an icy expedition!

Please register your child early. Registration forms are available on the church website [www.endwellumc.org](http://www.endwellumc.org) or by stopping in or calling the church office — 754.5735. If you need more information, contact Lynne Kimpland [lynnekimpland@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekimpland@yahoo.com)

## Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 607.724.5421



### Wellness Workshop to Prevent Falls

"Stepping On" Program

7 Tuesdays

September 15 thru October 27

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

The "Stepping On" Workshop includes:

- ◆ Balance and strength training
- ◆ How medication can contribute to falls
- ◆ Hazards in your home
- ◆ The role vision plays in keeping your balance
- ◆ Community safety
- ◆ Choosing the right footwear
- ◆ Vitamin D and nutrition

Strength and balance activities, home safety, bone health, nutrition, footwear, assistive devices, plus much more will be discussed. A physical therapist, vision specialist, medication and community safety experts discuss reasons falls occur and what you can do to prevent them. The program is facilitated by Registered Nurses. Come and socialize while you learn. Refreshments will be served and all meeting rooms are accessible.

To register call Diane at 757.7050 or Donna at 765.4180

## The Year of Encounter with Pope Francis

### The Vision & the Journey

Six Week Facilitated Meeting & Discussion Group  
Tuesdays — August 11 to September 15  
Afternoons 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
or Evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities – 232 Main St., Binghamton  
Free Will Offering

**Sponsored by the Catholic Peace Community and Religious Education Office of the Southern Region**

Who should come? Everyone interested in growing in faith and knowledge of today's issues and struggles. We will be discussing the journey ahead—specifically: Economic Inequality, Immigration, Criminal Justice, Racism and Solidarity. We invite anyone interested in any or all of these subjects. After attending, this event can be replicated in church, work or private settings at no cost. *Attend every session is not mandatory to the process.*

Registration Deadline – August 5th

For more information contact:

Fr. Tim Taugher ([taughertim@hotmail.com](mailto:taughertim@hotmail.com))  
or Andrea Schaffer ([aschaffer@syrdio.org](mailto:aschaffer@syrdio.org))  
or Amy Fleming ([jpamy5@stny.rr.com](mailto:jpamy5@stny.rr.com))

*As the summer activities slow down, we encourage you to use this time for learning, growing, meeting new people, experiencing the struggles on the issues and sharing with friends and colleagues.*

## Hospital Ministry — We are there if you need us

If you are or will be a patient, or a member of a patient's family, and know you will be at a UHS Hospital please tell Hospital Admission you want to be put on the religious census as a person of your faith group. People who don't signify their faith group are generally put in the "None" category. Also feel free to call 763.6003 for a Chaplain's visit. All Chaplains are committed to respecting the privacy of patients. — Chaplain John Koopman

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

**Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting**  
Saturday, July 4 — 11:00 a.m.  
(and the first Saturday of every month)

at *The Church Commons Community Center* (little white Church building just east of Price Chopper), 28 Main Street, Owego. All Vets are welcome ... especially those from Desert Storm and subsequent conflicts. Call Bill Reynolds at 607.644.5690 with questions/comments.

**See YOU on July 4th!**

## Hearing Loss Association of America



The Lord said to me, gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words. Deut 4:9.

**Help Needed!** The Binghamton Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America is compiling a list of area churches with assisted listening devices for those with hearing loss. For example: PA, Loop, Infrared, FM, visual signing etc.

Please provide this information to: Binghamton Chapter HLA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, NY 13833, or 607.648.4533, or [lmfin@citlink.net](mailto:lmfin@citlink.net)

A copy of the compiled list will be available.

## Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)

### Are you a food addict?

To find out, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can:

- Has a doctor or family member ever approached you with concern about your eating habits?
- Do you eat large quantities of food at one time?
- Is your weight problem due to "nibbling" all day long?
- Do you eat to escape from your feelings?
- Do you eat when you're not hungry?

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, "FA," offers help and hope for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA.

— Everyone is Welcome to This FREE Meeting —

Visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org) or call 607.595.7381 for more information. FA meets locally:

**Mondays & Thursdays — 7:00 p.m.**

Wilson Hospital, Johnson City  
Picciano Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room 2

**Fridays — 10:00 a.m.**

Union Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St., Endicott

## Samaritan Counseling Center

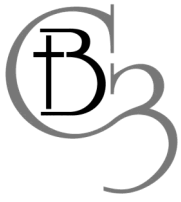
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## Connecting Congregations

July 2015

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**“Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity”**

**Please post this newsletter or pass it on to members of your congregation.**

Secure donations can be made online at  
[www.broomecouncil.net](http://www.broomecouncil.net)

**To submit items or to receive Connecting  
Congregations, contact Keating Wilson:**

E-mail: [kwilson@broomecouncil.net](mailto:kwilson@broomecouncil.net)  
Phone: 607.724.9130 x303

Congregations may submit items at no charge.  
All others will be asked for a \$10 donation per article, per  
month.

### Directions to BC3

Coming East from Vestal, Endicott or Endwell areas, take the Vestal Parkway East. Follow the signs for Conklin Avenue, go past the Crowley's plant. After you pass the Rite Aid Drug Store, the next street on your LEFT is Otseningo Street. Go to the end of Otseningo Street.

Coming East down Main Street in Binghamton, Main turns into Court Street. Stay on Court Street and turn right on Route 7 South over the Tompkins Street Bridge. The first light is Webster. Take a right onto Webster and continue to the T (a short block). Take a right onto Otseningo Street and there we are!

### Programs of the Broome County Council of Churches (BC3):

Broome Bount  
CHOW Hunger Relief  
Encounter Weekly  
TV/Radio Program  
Faith in Action Volunteers



HOPE Ministry  
Hospital Ministry  
Jail Ministry  
Ramp It Up



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Due date to submit items for the  
August 2015 issue of  
Connecting Congregations:

**12:00 noon on Monday, July 13**  
*Please make certain the announcements are for the  
month of August or later.*

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via e-mail? We can provide this to you in PDF format.  
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Your emailed pdf document will spring to life!  
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